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AND BLACK CANARY!**

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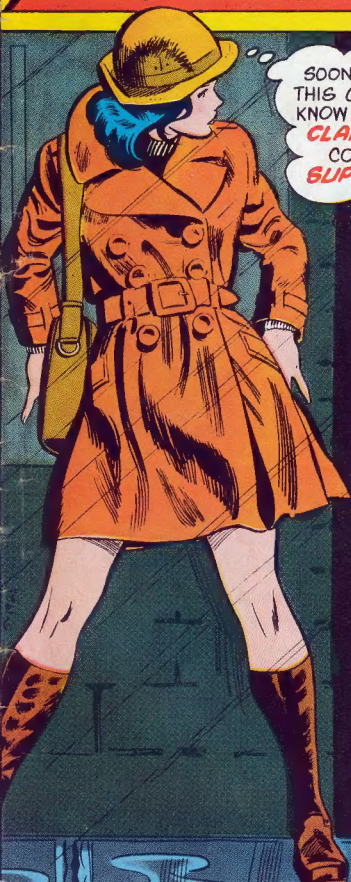
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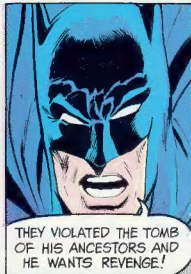


SOON AS I TURN
THIS CORNER, I'LL
KNOW **EXACTLY** HOW
CLARK KENT
CONTACTS
SUPERMAN!



STARTLING AS THE CRASH OF THUNDER...
"CLARK KENT CALLING **SUPERMAN**...
CLARK KENT CALLING **SUPERMAN**!"

BATMAN AND THE MUMMY



A STARTLING ACTION SAGA IN THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF

SUPERMAN

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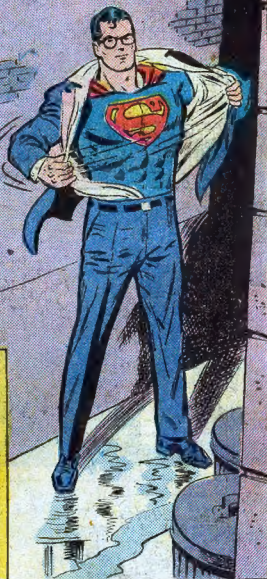


MAYBE IT'S AN ULTRA-SONIC WHISTLE... OR A DEVICE IN HIS EYEGLASSES THAT SENDS OUT RADIO BEAMS!

SOON AS I TURN THIS CORNER, I'LL FIND OUT EXACTLY HOW CLARK KENT CONTACTS SUPERMAN!



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"CLARK KENT CALLING SUPERMAN... CLARK KENT CALLING SUPERMAN!"

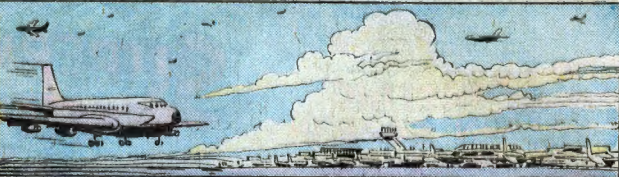
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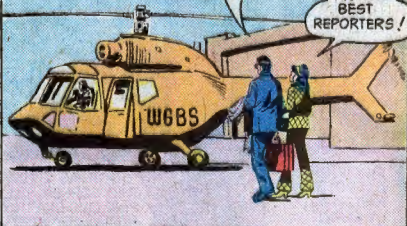


PAGING LOIS LANE AND
CLARK KENT! PAGING LOIS
LANE AND CLARK KENT!



WHAT AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE!
MORGAN EDGE PROVIDED HIS OWN
PERSONAL HELICOPTER TO PICK US
UP FROM THE AIRPORT!

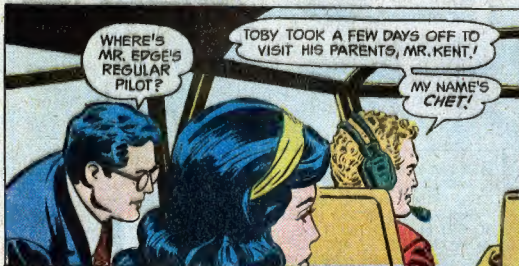
AFTER
ALL,
CLARK,
WE ARE
HIS TWO
BEST
REPORTERS!



WHERE'S
MR. EDGE'S
REGULAR
PILOT?

TOBY TOOK A FEW DAYS OFF TO
VISIT HIS PARENTS, MR. KENT!

MY NAME'S
CHET!



NICE TO
MAKE YOUR
ACQUAINTANCE,
CHET!

SAY,
MR. KENT...
THE WORD
IS YOU
GOT A
SPECIAL KNACK
NO ONE ELSE
SEEMS TO
HAVE!



YEAH! THEY SAY
YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON
WHO KNOWS HOW TO GET
IN TOUCH WITH **SUPERMAN**
WHEN AN EMERGENCY
COMES UP--!

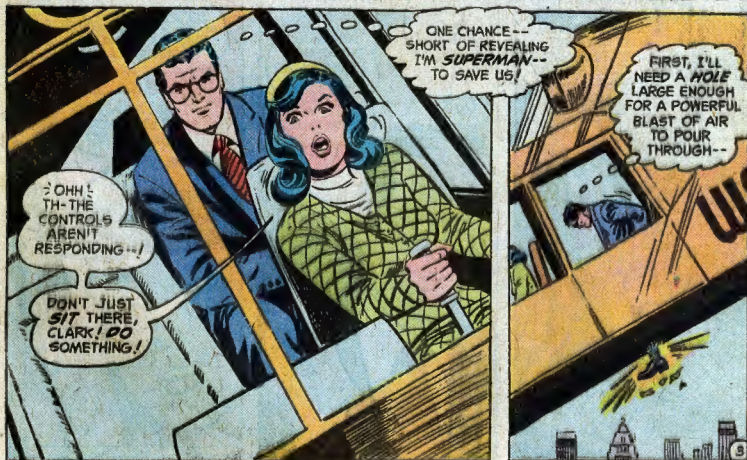
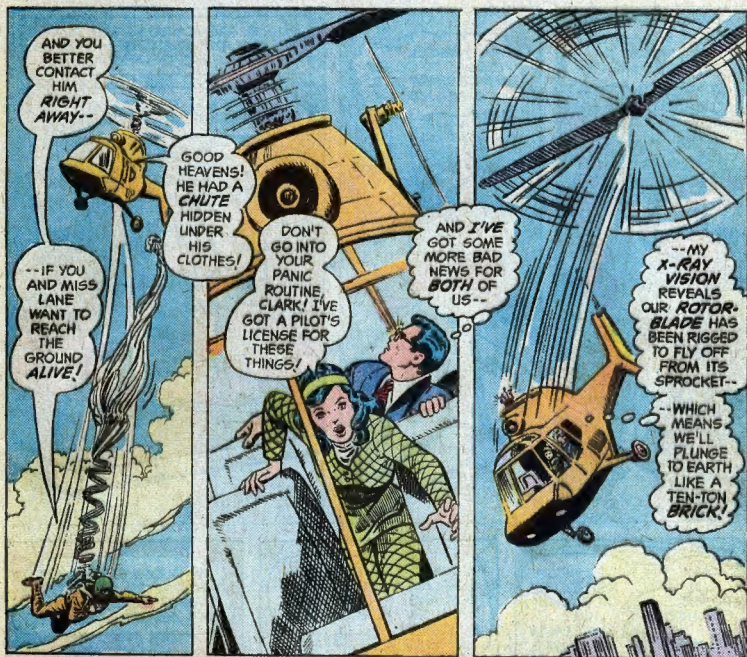
ER, I
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BUT WHY
DO YOU
ASK?

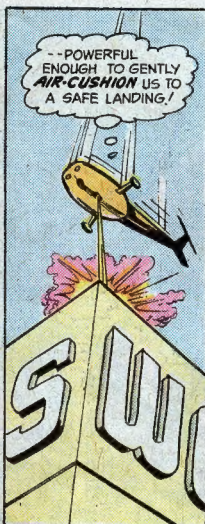


SAVE YOUR
QUESTIONS FOR
SUPERMAN,
KENT--

--AFTER YOU
CONTACT
HIM!







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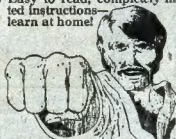
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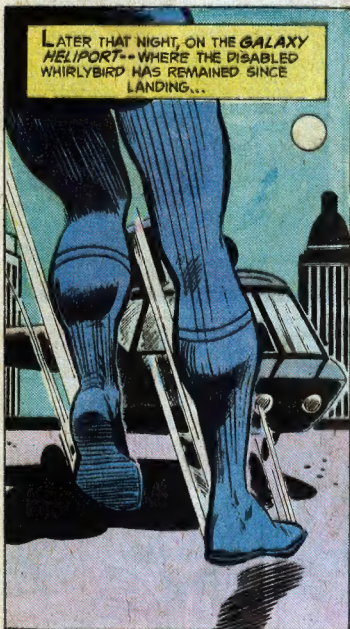
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HMMM... JUST AS I EXPECTED--IT'S GONE!

SOMEONE CAME UP HERE WHILE IT WAS GROUNDED AND **PULLED IT OUT OF THE CONSOLE!**

AND CONSIDERING ONLY **COMPANY EMPLOYEES** HAVE ACCESS TO THE HELIPORT--



-- IT MEANS **SOMEONE** AMONG THE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ON THE **GALAXY** STAFF IS SECRETLY AN **UNDERCOVER AGENT**--

-- AND A **DANGEROUS THREAT** TO BOTH **SUPERMAN** AND **CLARK KENT!**



READER-- IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT **SUPERMAN** DISCOVERED IS **MISSING** FROM THE 'COPTER'S COCKPIT...

... LET US CLOSE IN ON THE MISSING UNIT'S WHEREABOUTS, WHERE IT IS THE OBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT THIS VERY MOMENT,...

THE CAMOUFLAGED **CAMERA** I INSTALLED IN THE HELICOPTER CONSOLE IS NOT AT FAULT, LEADER!

IT TOOK EXCELLENT PICTURES OF **CLARK KENT!**



INDEED, **AGENT SU-5**, THE PICTURES ARE SUPERB--

--EXCEPT FOR ONE DETAIL--

--THEY DON'T SHOW KENT DOING **ANYTHING** INSIDE THE COPTER THAT REVEALS **HOW** HE MANAGED TO CONTACT **SUPERMAN!**

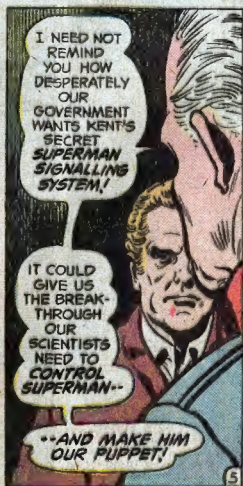
YOUR FILM DOESN'T GIVE US A SINGLE **CLUE, SU-5!**

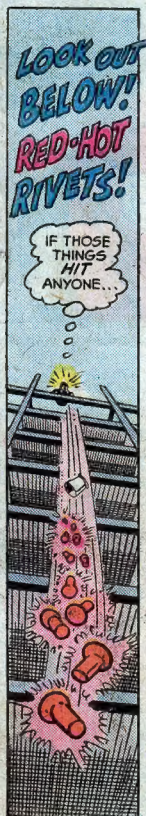
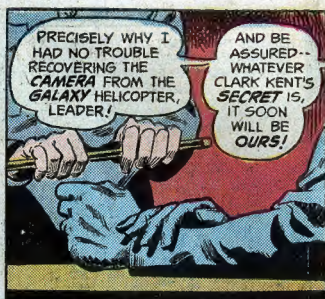
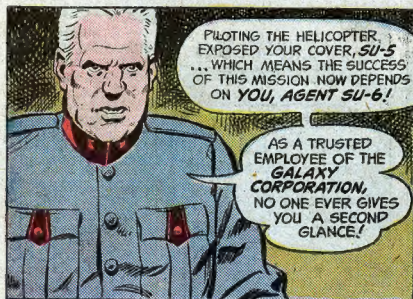


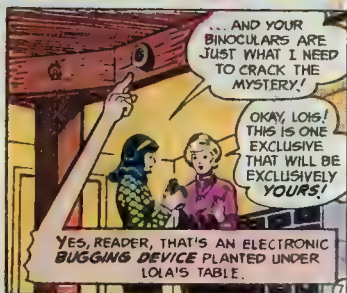
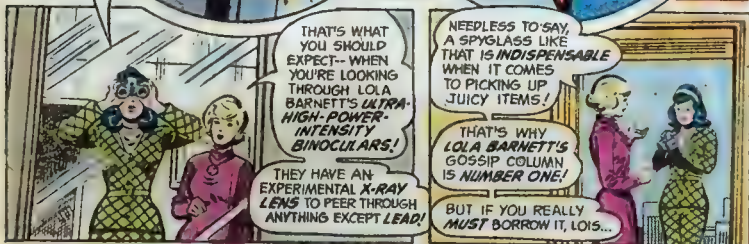
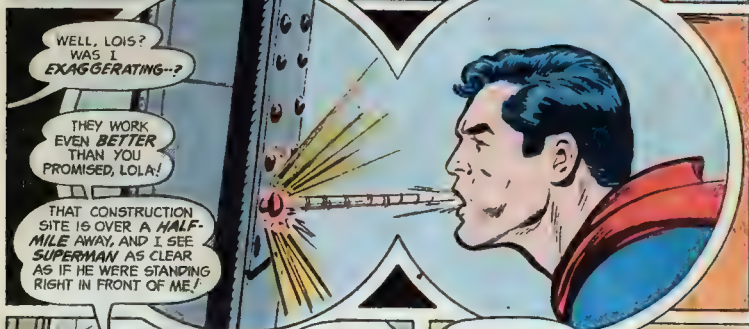
I NEED NOT REMIND YOU HOW DESPERATELY OUR GOVERNMENT WANTS KENT'S SECRET **SUPERMAN SIGNALING SYSTEM!**

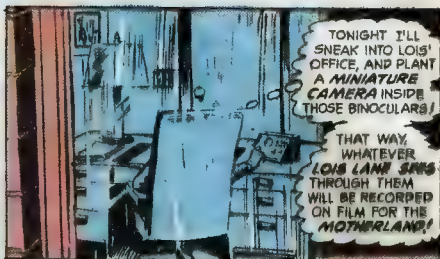
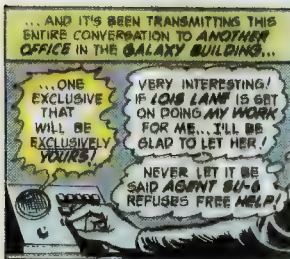
IT COULD GIVE US THE BREAK-THROUGH OUR SCIENTISTS NEED TO **CONTROL SUPERMAN--**

--AND MAKE HIM OUR PUPPET!







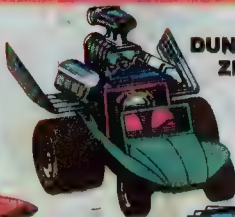


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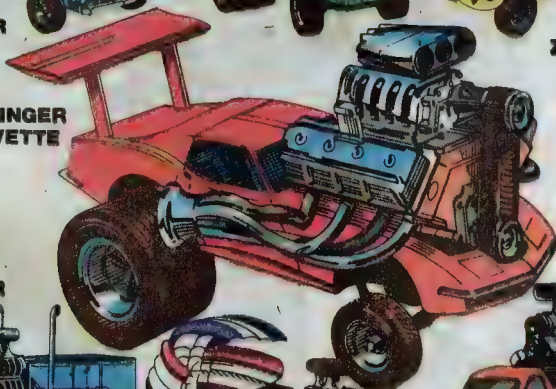


**DUNE BUGGY
ZINGER**



ZINGER VW

**ZINGER
VETTE**



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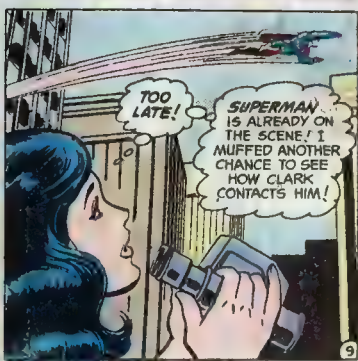
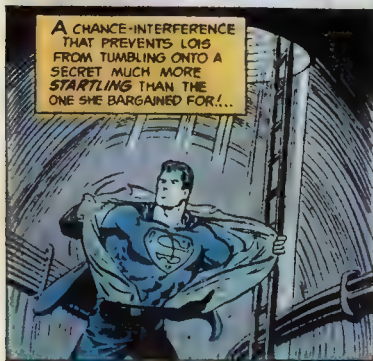
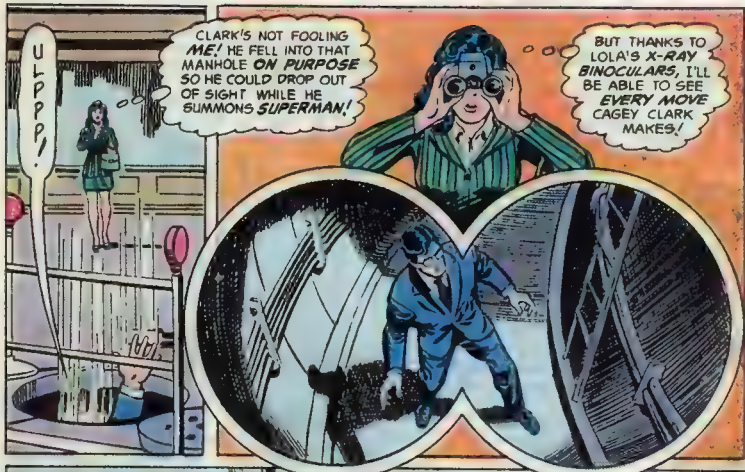
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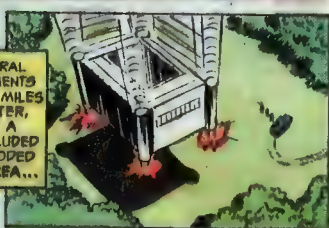
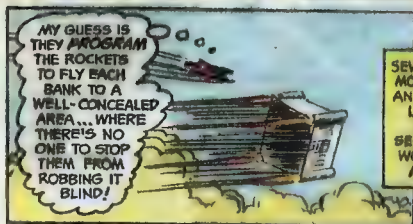
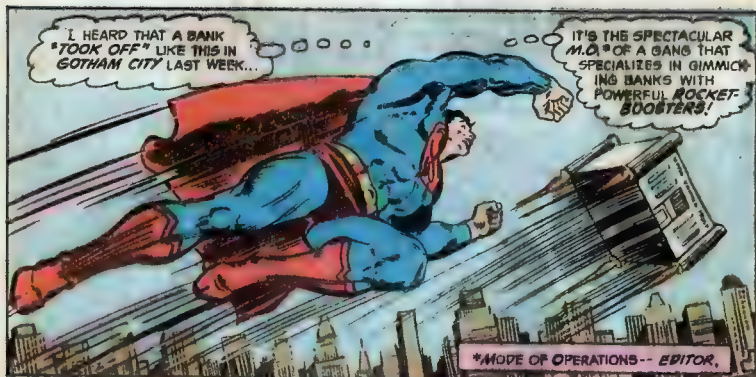
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**BUT AFTER SUPERMAN TURNS
IN THE ROBBERS--AND FLIES
THE BANK BACK TO ITS RIGHTFUL
FOUNDATION...**

GREAT GOING,
SUPERMAN! I SAW
THE WHOLE THING!
YOU WERE SUPERB!

THANKS,
LOIS!

HMM... WHY
THE ODD-LOOKING
PAIR OF BINOCULARS?

GREAT KRYPTON!

THOSE GLASSES
ARE EXTRA
HIGH-POWERED...
WITH AN X-RAY
LENS... AND A
CAMERA HIDDEN
INSIDE!

AND I CAN SEE
THE FILM NEGA-
TIVES SHOWING ME
ON THE VERGE
OF SWITCHING
TO SUPERMAN
--UNTIL LEAD-
INTERFERENCE
BLACKED IT OUT!



I CAN'T RISK
ANOTHER CLOSE
CALL LIKE THAT!

IT'S HIGH TIME I PUT AN
END TO THIS SNOOPY PROJECT
OF LOIS!

WHICH MEANS--I'M DELIBERATELY
GOING TO LET HER SEE CLARK
KENT CALLING SUPERMAN!

THE FOLLOWING RAINY AFTERNOON, IN
METROPOLIS' LOWER EAST SIDE--AS THE
INTREPID GIRL REPORTER CONTINUES HER
SURVEILLANCE...

FOR HOURS NOW I'VE
BEEN SHADOWING CLARK...
HOPING SOME CRISIS
WILL COME UP TO CAUSE
HIM TO CONTACT THE
BIG RED S!

BUT SO FAR, THE DAY'S
BEEN AS QUIET AS... A
DROP OF FALLING RAIN!

THE VERY NEXT MOMENT...

MAYBE MY LUCK
JUST CHANGED--
CLARK'S DUCKING
INTO AN ALLEY!

HE MUST'VE
SPOTTED
SOME
EMERGENCY
THAT CALLS
FOR
SUPERMAN!

THIS IS ONE
GOLDEN
OPPORTUNITY
I WON'T BOTCH!

??! I DON'T
UNDERSTAND...
I'VE GOT CLARK
IN FOCUS--

--BUT HAVING HIM
IN MY SIGHTS ISN'T
DOING ME ANY
GOOD AT ALL...





...BECAUSE CLARK'S NOT DOING A BLASTED THING!

HE'S JUST STANDING THERE-- YAWNING HIS FOOL HEAD OFF!

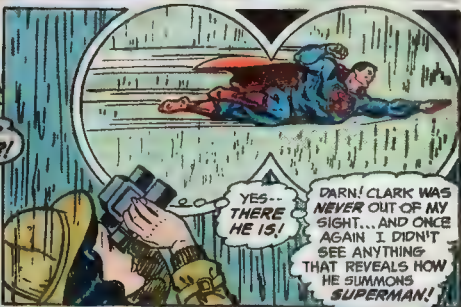
NOW THAT I'M SURE LOIS IS WATCHING ME-- I'LL BEGIN PHASE-TWO OF MY COVER-UP PLAN!

NEXT INSTANT, THE ACTION ACES FANTASTIC POWER OF SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM CAUSES LOIS TO HEAR...

LOOK! UP IN THE SKY!

IT'S SUPERMAN!

WHERE? WHERE?!



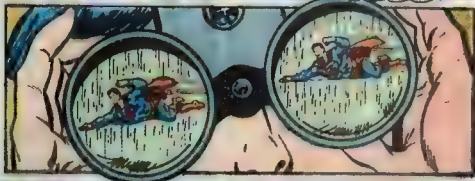
YES-- THERE HE IS!

DARN! CLARK WAS NEVER OUT OF MY SIGHT... AND ONCE AGAIN I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING THAT REVEALS HOW HE SUMMONS SUPERMAN!

BUT... IF LOIS WERE WATCHING CLARK THIS VERY MOMENT-- SHE'D SEE A SLY SMILE...

LOIS WILL NEVER KNOW I "BORROWED" THOSE BINOCULARS WHILE SHE WAS ASLEEP...

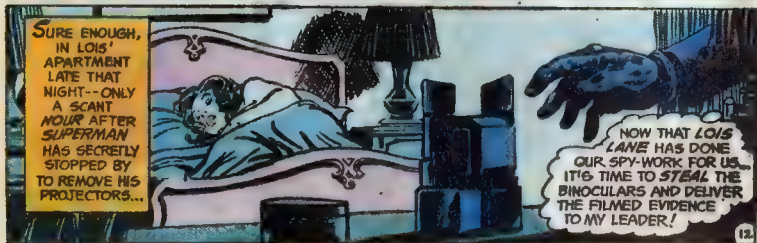
...AND EQUIPPED THE LENSES WITH MINATURE TWIN PROJECTORS... PRE-TIMED TO FLASH ON AN IMAGE OF "SUPERMAN" FLYING OVERHEAD AT A PRECISE MOMENT!



SOON AS I GET THE CHANCE, I'LL REMOVE THE TINY PROJECTORS... TO PROTECT MY COVER-UP!

WHICH REMINDS ME, I HAVE A FEELING THE PEOPLE WHO RIGGED THAT HELICOPTER ARE SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN THIS MESS... AND JUST AS SUSPICIOUS AS LOIS WAS!

SURE ENOUGH, IN LOIS' APARTMENT LATE THAT NIGHT-- ONLY A SCANT HOUR AFTER SUPERMAN HAS SECRETLY STOPPED BY TO REMOVE HIS PROJECTORS...



NOW THAT LOIS LANE HAS DONE OUR SPY-WORK FOR US, IT'S TIME TO STEAL THE BINOCULARS AND DELIVER THE FILMED EVIDENCE TO MY LEADER!

AND IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS...

WORTHLESS! ABSOLUTELY WORTHLESS!

THE BINOCULAR FILM OF CLARK KENT IS FOGGED...AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN DIRECTLY EXPOSED TO X-RAYS!

THIS OPERATION HAS BEEN A COMPLETE FAILURE!

YOU WILL REMAIN IN YOUR JOB AS A **GALAXY** EMPLOYEE, AGENT **SU-6**... IN CASE OUR GOVERNMENT HAS FURTHER USE OF YOU!

VERY GOOD, COMRADE LEADER!

NOW YOU KNOW, READER--THERE'S AN **ENEMY AGENT** WORKING FOR **GALAXY BROADCASTING**--WHOSE IDENTITY IS EVEN A SECRET TO **SUPERMAN!**

BUT YOU KNOW SHE'S A **WOMAN**... OR SO SHE **APPEARS!**

LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF LOLA BARNETT...

...WHOEVER **STOLE** MY BINOCs HAD BETTER PUT THEM TO GOOD USE! THEY COST ME A **BUNDLE!**

I'LL PAY YOU BACK, LOLA! IT'S WORTH IT--ESPECIALLY SINCE I FINALLY FIGURED OUT CLARK'S SECRET!

IT SUDDENLY STRUCK ME--EACH TIME **SUPERMAN** APPEARED, A **CURL** DROPPED OVER CLARK'S HIS FOREHEAD --AND THAT WAS THE **GIVEAWAY CLUE!**

CLARK'S SIGNALING DEVICE IS HIS--**HAIR!**

"WHENEVER CLARK RUNS A **HAND** THROUGH HIS **HAIR**--A SPECIAL CHEMICAL MAKES THE HAIR GIVE OFF A **UNIQUE VIBRATION** THAT ALERTS **SUPERMAN** WHEREVER HE MAY BE!"

"NATURALLY, WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP THIS SECRET TO OURSELVES, LOLA--AS WE AGREED!"

INGENIOUS AS CLARK'S SYSTEM IS... IT'S NOT CLEVER ENOUGH TO STUMP **LOIS LANE!**

IF ONLY LOIS KNEW THE **REAL PURPOSE** OF THAT **CURL**--!

BESIDES MY GLASSES, IT'S THE **ONLY OTHER FACIAL FEATURE** THAT DISTINGUISHES **CLARK KENT** FROM **SUPERMAN!**

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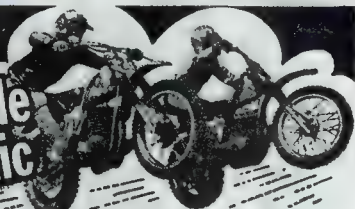
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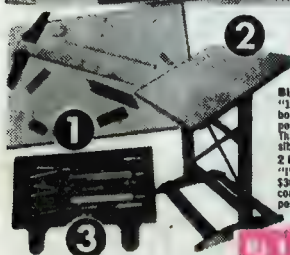
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TO
THE
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THE UNCONQUERED

COMING
YOUR WAY
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**GREEN
ARROW**

and **BLACK
CANARY**

...WERE ABOUT TO BAG THEIR SUSPECT, IT TURNED OUT THAT THEIR PREY WAS JUST A **MIDDLE MAN** FOR...

CHERRY NOLLER...
THE **FOURTH
HORSEMAN**
WAS YOU!

YOU WERE MY
INFILTRATOR...
I TRUSTED
YOU!

THAT
WAS YOUR
LAST MISTAKE...
GREEN ARROW!
YOUR FIRST
WAS TRYING
TO MAKE A...

**"BILLION-
DOLLAR
BUST!"**

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THE ARCHER
RISKED HIS
LIFE TO
COME HERE
AND RESCUE
BLACK CANARY--
THEY'VE BEEN
THROUGH A
GREAT DEAL
TOGETHER...

SO AS THEY LOOK AT EACH OTHER, POSSIBLY
FOR THE LAST TIME, IS IT ONLY LOVE THAT
SPARKS BETWEEN THEIR EYES...

...OR IS
IT A SIGNAL
TO ACT--?

SING,
CANARY--
SING!

OHH...
WHA--

TWEEEEE

ALL THE THUGS STILL
IN COMMISSION ARE IN
THE CAR, OLIVER!

...WHILE I
SEE IF I CAN
BEAT
THEM
THERE!

LEAVE ME ALONE,
LUCKER--AND TAKE
YOUR MEN TO
ROUND UP THOSE
FREAKS!

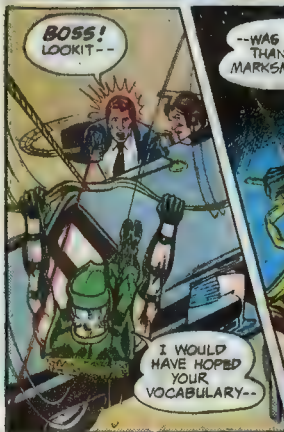
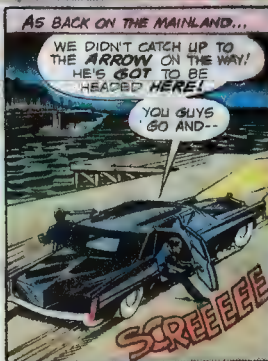
YEAH--THE CHICK
KNOWS HOW WE'RE
GETTIN' THE DOPE
SHIPMENT INTO TOWN!
GOTTA STOP THEM!

FINE, PRETTY BIRD--
NOW YOU MAKE SURE
THE COPS AND THE PRESS
ARE AT THE APPOINTED
PICKUP SPOT...

IF CHERRY'S
GANG KNOWS WE
KNOW THEY'RE USING
THE ROCKFORD
ISLAND FERRY
TO LEAPFROG A
TON OF PURE DOPE
PAST CUSTOMS...

"THAT'S
WHERE
THEY'LL BE
HEADED
NEXT!"

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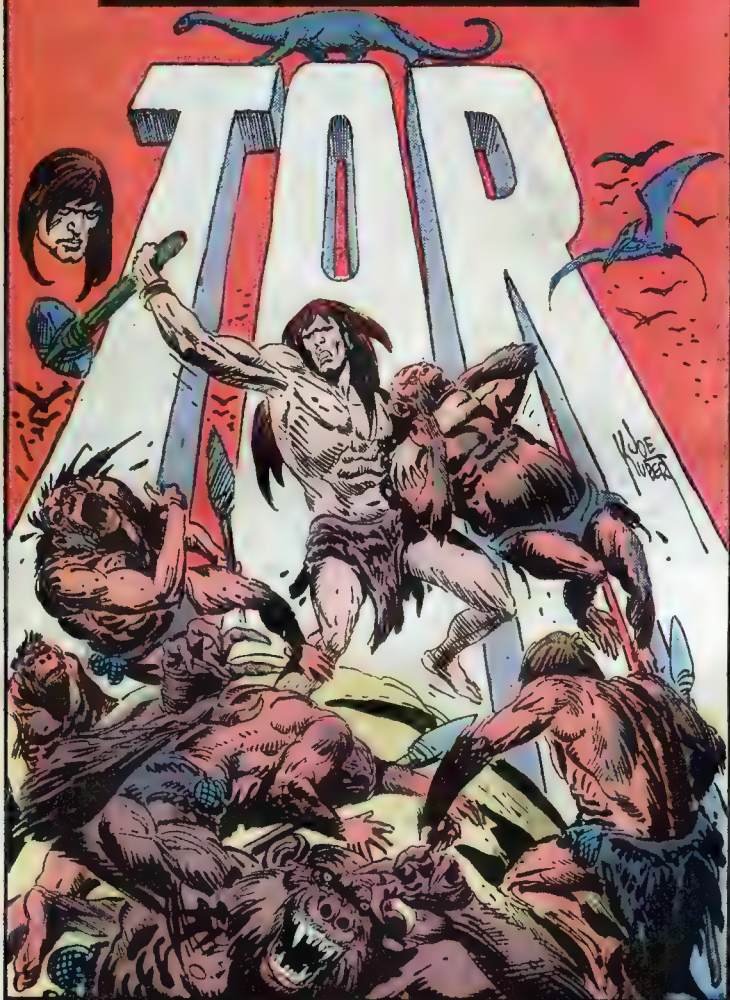
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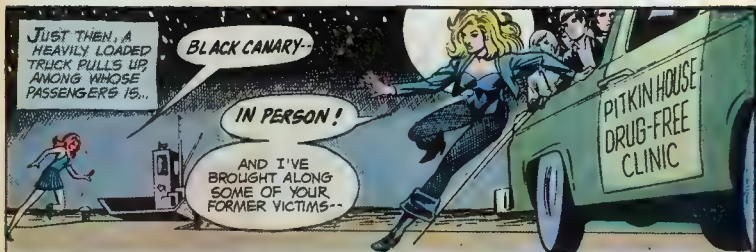
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...AND WHEN THE FLAMBOYANT
WAR WHOOPS OF THE EMERALD
ARCHER ARE CARRIED 'ROUND
THE PLANET...



WHEN TONIGHT, ALL THE
WORLD IS TOLD THAT THOUGH
INJUSTICE MAY YET SURVIVE...

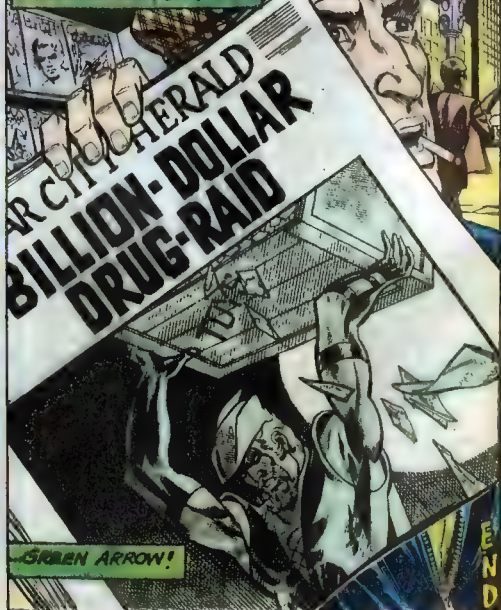


...AND THOUGH
THE ANGUISH OF
THE INNOCENT MAY
CONTINUE TO FILL
DESPICABLE
PEOPLE'S POCKETS...

...THE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT
THERE WILL BE NO MORE
NARCOTICS TRAFFIC IN
STAR CITY...

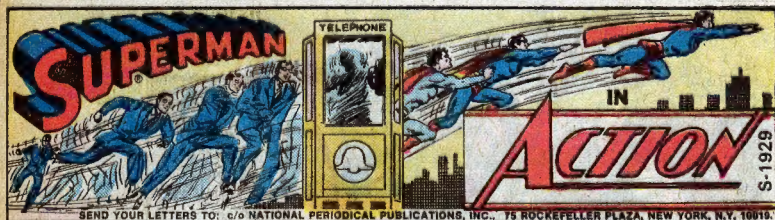


...BECAUSE STAR CITY HAD...



GREEN ARROW!

END



Dear Editor:

Action #442 is a big surprise after a long run of fair-to-middling issues. The entire **Superman** story ("The Midnight Murder Show") was basically a vehicle for the one Big Stunt at the end, but it was a well-constructed vehicle and quite a stunt. Not only was there the suspense as to whether **Superman** could actually outspeed the bullet, but there was the sense of sheer power communicated by the realization of how fast he was going, the sight of the mask burning off from the enormous heat, and the way he finally exploded through the wall. The stunt provided a good test of **Superman's** powers, as did the whole problem of the story: could **Superman** locate one man in a huge city?

It was good to see you use **Galaxy TV** as background without fouling things up for once. **Galaxy** is the most trick-or-treat network I've ever seen. I've never seen news show anchormen go out and cover stories themselves as Clark Kent does, nor have I heard of reporters acting as their own cameramen. In this story you made the minor mistake of renaming the Green Room. Why bother? It's my understanding that all waiting rooms for talk shows are called Green Rooms. You'll be renaming cameras next. But, despite a comics tradition that all taped TV shows are done live, you actually acknowledged that the show is done on tape and was only done live this time because of the kidnappers' demands. Will wonders never cease?

I must admit the Johnny Nevada character worked well. First, you didn't make him cute, and second, he actually resembled his real-life counterpart. Usually your celebrity look-alikes violate these requirements. The Vonnegut and Hemingway doubles were no more than overgrown children. The Rona Barrett look-alike lacked the essential blarney and the Walter Cronkite twin bears no resemblance to the real thing beyond a physical one. Like Professor Pepperwinkle, these characters really belonged in **Shazam!** In **Superman** stories they seem juvenile.

Commendations on the turn the **Atom** stories have taken of late. Clever ideas like the popcorn machine trap and the use of the Orson Welles broadcast as more than a passing

reference for trivia experts ("The Little Man from Mars") help a good deal.

Peter Sanderson, Milton, Mass.

(We've frequently seen anchormen sent out on assignments. Only Clark seems to act as his own cameraman, however.—E.N.B.)

Dear Editor:

As I write this analysis of "The Midnight Murder Show," a difficulty arises. Was it too funny to be serious or too serious to be funny? Cary Bates never ceases to amaze me.

I have this feeling that Professor Pepperwinkle is a character from **Superman's** past. Is he? Chalk one up for the funny side.

The best thing about this story was its plausibility. And "... As he proves beyond any shadow of a doubt that **Superman** is truly faster than a speeding bullet!" renewed my faltering faith in the **Man of Steel**. When in the far-flung future comics are merely things kids of the 20th century paid a few pieces of change for every week, **Superman** will always be the first hero mentioned. And the Swan-Schaffenberg art was frosting on the cake.

Clint "Buc" Thomas, Oak Hill, W. Va.

(Pepperwinkle was a character on the old live-action **SUPERMAN** TV show.—E.N.B.)

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I'd like to thank you and Messrs. Rasko and Grell for the **Atom** story "The Little Man from Mars!" As an avid fan of both the comics and the old-time dramatic radio programs (I proudly own two copies of the Mercury Theatre presentation of **The War of the Worlds**), I was really impressed with the imaginative blend of the two Golden Age media.

To my way of thinking, **The Atom** has always been at home in thoughtful science-fiction scenarios. The combination of H.G. Wells' Martian Invasion and the **Time Pool** graphically bears out this point. "The Little Man from Mars" far outweighs recent **Atom** efforts in **Action Comics**.

In fact, it even outgunned the lead **Superman** story in the same issue!

Michael E. Cerulo, Claymont, Del.

(Glad there's nothing in the story that **MARS** it for you!—E. Nelson Bridwell)

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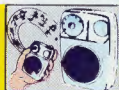
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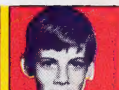
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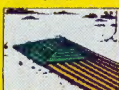
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